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(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
Cincinnati, Nov. 26.—A special to the
Commercial Tribune from Charleston,
W. Va., says:

"It is reported here that a Chesapeake and Ohio railway train went through the Greenbrier river bridge which has been damaged by the prevailing floods. It is supposed that there were about 200 people on the train and that all were lost. All wires are down at and near the crossing of this river, and it is impossible to get any sort of confirmation of the disaster. Even the railway officials are unable to secure communication with points on either side of the river."

A CONTRADICTION.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)
Richmond, Va., Nov. 26.—The Chesapeake and Ohio general offices here, at a late hour, declare all passenger trains are blocked by slides and locations all known and no truth in loss of passenger train in the river. Freight train in ditch, but no loss of life.

GOVERNOR MCCORMICK.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Nov. 26.—The passenger train reported wrecked on the Chesapeake and Ohio is said to have been west bound, consisting of seven passenger coaches, baggage, express and mail cars. It is said that among the passengers were ex-Governor McCormick, State Auditor-elect Sheriff, and State Senator Alex M. Miller.

GREAT APPREHENSION.

Cincinnati, Nov. 26.—There has been great apprehension to-night over a report about a Chesapeake and Ohio passenger train going through the Greenbrier river bridge near Hinton, W. Va. All through wires on that line are down and it is impossible to reach Greenbrier river or any point near it. Messages have been sent to New York and elsewhere and that place cannot be reached from either the east or the west. Many messages have been sent by those who have had friends on that road to-day after it was not known what train, if any, went through the bridge, but no response to any messages have been received and they are accepted only subject to delay.

OFFICIAL DISCREDIT REPORT.

Charles B. Bryan, assistant general passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, is here to-night, and he debunks the story entirely. He said that there was a very bad landslide near one of the Greenbrier river bridges, but far from White Sulphur Springs, and it has compelled them to transfer passengers during the day. Owing to the high water in the river, no attempt was made to transfer passengers to-night, and two trains that left here to-day are being held over night at Alderson, west of White Sulphur Springs, and it is quite likely that trains are being held on the other side of White Sulphur Springs. There are three bridges on this line over Greenbrier river and the reports do not indicate at which bridge the accident occurred, so that it is quite likely that the reports were started because of the landslide near White Sulphur Springs and the fact that trains that were due both east and west of that point were not heard from on account of the wires being down.

TRAINS AT CINCINNATI.

The trains have been arriving and departing in Cincinnati on time, with the single exception of the Eastern express, which did not arrive until 3 p. m., as it did not attempt the usual fast time. It is said that the express due here at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning is still on the other side of the Greenbrier river.

DENIAL FROM HINTON.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The Post has received a message from the railroad telegraph operator at Hinton saying that there is no foundation for the story of a wreck on the Chesapeake and Ohio near that place.

THE DENIAL REAFFIRMED.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 27.—The Chesapeake and Ohio officials here positively deny the story of a passenger train wreck at Greenbrier river bridge and all stories of any loss of life on the line.

The Dispatch had a special after midnight from Ronceverte, which is within a few miles of every point at which the C. & O. crosses the Greenbrier. The special reports a freight wreck, with no loss of life, at Alleghany, and mentions a delay of passenger trains in such a way as to discredit entirely the passenger wreck report.

AT 1 A. M. THE C. & O. WAS WORKING

direct to Hinton, and reaffirm their denial.

WILL ADMIT LACE MAKERS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
Washington, Nov. 26.—The treasury department to-day decided to admit the lace-makers and their families who were brought to this country by Dr. A. J. Dowie, the "divine healer" and founder of Zion City, Illinois, to teach others the art of lace-making. This is

a reversal of the action of the Philadelphia immigration official, who had decided that the lace-makers should not be admitted to this country.

THE CORN MARKET.

GEORGE H. PHILLIPS AND PRICES
IN CHICAGO.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
Chicago, Nov. 26.—Corn, for November delivery, sold to-day on the board of trade at 50 cents per bushel—the highest price since 1894, when, owing to a protracted drought, the market advanced close to the six cent mark. Since that time the coarse cereal has sold almost down to 20 cents per bushel.

That there are vast quantities of corn in the country is well known, but George H. Phillips, a member of the Chicago board, taking advantage of the fact-end of the contract stocks of the local exchange, which had resulted in the depletion of the contract stocks of corn in Chicago, gradually picked up all offerings, and to-day apparently showed that he has effected the most perfect "corner" in the recent history of the board. Practically no contract corn is coming to market.

Phillips did little to advance the market to-day—it advanced on the efforts of shorts to cover. When fifty cents was bid Phillips sold 100,000 bushels or so and checked the advance. The market opened 1 cent higher than Saturday, at 46 cents; rose to 50 and closed at 49, a net gain of 4 cents.

PHILLIPS PRAISED.

Whenever the clamorous "shorts" howled up the price in the face of unresponsive takers, he pushed to the front of the line and let out more corn. Some of the dealers thought the juvenile-looking speculator was in straits and was running to wind up his string. They jumped on the market and tried to sell corn at 47½c. Phillips turned instantly from seller to buyer—from bear to bull—and snapped up every man who was offering to shade the price that he was making. The decline stopped at once. Phillips showed to the corn pit that he was its master; that he could regulate it at will. The fellows who tried to get some of the corn king's money in the delusion that he was weakening are now wondering where they will get off on Friday.

Phillips' conduct to-day won him great praise.

Few men have been able to keep a cool head under like circumstances. He parted with 200,000 bushels, about one-tenth of his holdings. He bought 100,000 when the bears tried to drag him off his pedestal. He made \$30,000. Apparently he is going to keep the selling price about 50 cents. If the shorts are meditating a coup on the last day they may wake up to find that Phillips has closed out his line. He claims now that he cannot be squeezed whatever may happen. As long as he keeps on selling more than he buys and holds the market down to 50 cents he is seemingly too nimble to be crowded off the market with his corner. Other speculators have been broken by buying at a big price in order to hold up the market and playing their funds on margins.

RAILROAD CLERK ARRESTED.

SAID TO HAVE SQUANDERED
SEABOARD AIR LINE FUNDS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, Nov. 26.—Word was received at police headquarters to-day to the effect that a clerk of the Seaboard Air Line has been arrested at Fernandina, Fla., for the peculation of a very large sum of money from that line. The clerk's name was not given. It is said that the money taken by the clerk was lost through speculation with the firm of Chester B. Lawrence, Jr., & Co., which failed last week. The amount taken was reported to be \$50,000. At the city office of the Seaboard Air Line here it was said that no one there had heard of this arrest. They were certain that no one in the New York city department had run away or been caught.

WAR IN AFRICA.

FOUR THOUSAND NATIVES TAKE
TO THE WARPATH.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Zanzibar, Nov. 26.—The Domalls have risen in Jubaland, a province of British East Africa. About 4,000 well-armed men are on the warpath. Substitute Commissioner Jenney, who has been on a tour inland with a small force, is said to have been attacked. His position is grave. It is doubtful whether he will be able to return safely to the seaport, Kisumu. Reinforcements from Mombasa have been sent to Kisumu.

JENNEY MURDERED.

London, Nov. 26.—It was officially confirmed to-day that Sub-Commissioner Jenney was murdered about November 13 during a night attack made on his camp by professedly friendly natives.

GEN. FITZ LEE.

TO LEAVE FOR HIS NEW POST OF
DUTY.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—General Fitzhugh Lee, who recently was relieved from duty as commander of the division of Havana and Santa Clara and ordered to take command of the department of Missouri, relieving General Merriam, was at the war department to-day receiving his final instructions. He will proceed to the headquarters of the department of the Missouri at Omaha within a few days to assume his new duties. General Merriam will retain his position as commander of the department of Colorado, with headquarters at Denver.

Later in the day General Lee called on the President and discussed Cuban affairs with him.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR BOWLES.

TO BE GIVEN A BUREAU AT
WASHINGTON.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—The President has decided to appoint Francis T. Bowles, naval constructor in charge of the New York navy yard, chief of the bureau of construction and repair of the navy department upon the retirement from active service next March of Rear Admiral Philip Hichborn, the present incumbent.

FLOODS DESTROY LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Continuous Rains in Kentucky,
West Virginia and Tennessee.

PEOPLE SEEK HIGH GROUND.

Powell Valley, in Kentucky, Inundated—
Quantities of Cross-Ties, Lumber and
Other Property Washed Away in West
Virginia—The Tracks of the New Guy-
andotte Valley Railroad, Just Completed
a Distance of Eighteen Miles, Almost
Ruined—Loss of Life in Tennessee.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
Middlesboro, Ky., Nov. 26.—Cumberland, Powell and Clinch rivers have overflowed their banks, doing immense damage to farmers. The lower portion of Powell valley is inundated, and those living along its banks have been compelled to move to higher ground. Benjamin Turner, of Middlesboro, was drowned in the flood while trying to swim his horse across Yellow creek.

IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Guyandotte, W. Va., Nov. 26.—Continuous rains for the past 48 hours have produced unprecedented floods in Guyandotte valley. The river and its tributaries are overflowing their banks and are bearing away quantities of cross-ties, lumber and other property. Some 9,000 logs have gone out, taking with them the false works of the two railroad bridges south of Barboursville. Loss estimated at \$20,000 to \$25,000. The tracks of the new Guyandotte Valley railroad just completed to Salt Rock, a distance of 18 miles, has been almost ruined. The river is rising above and still more damage is expected.

THE MAN WHO HAS CORNERED CORN.

In spite of the disasters which have usually attended attempts to "corner the grain market," another bold spirit is making the trial. He is George H. Phillips, a youthful looking Chicago broker, who is really little over 30. He is the leader in the bull movement which has sent the price of November corn soaring. The next few days will be particularly anxious ones for him as well as for many other speculators. If the "corn king" can hold his corner until Dec. 1, he will be a millionaire; if he fails, there will be a great crash, for many will go with him.

IN TENNESSEE.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 26.—Several lives were lost in the floods recently in West Tennessee. North of Dyersburg a woman and two children in a buggy were thrown in a slough by the crumbling of the roadway and all were drowned.

A mail carrier was drowned in Caney creek, near Glynn, Lauderdale county, while attempting to ford the stream. A section hand on the Illinois Central railroad was drowned at the south fork of the Forkes river.

AT AND NEAR CHARLESTON.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 26.—The continuous rainfall of the past 48 hours has caused a rapid rise in all streams in this section of the state. The Kanawha has almost reached the danger line here, and people in the lowlands are already moving out. The Kanawha at 9:30 o'clock to-night was 27.4 and rising at a half a foot per hour. At Kanawha Falls, 36 miles above, the river is 23.6 feet and stationary. At least four more feet were expected. The Elk is out of its banks, with 15 feet stationary at Clay, five miles above. The rainfall here for 24 hours, ending at 8 a. m. to-day, was 2.7 inches.

River and Harbor Appropriations.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—The Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House met to-day and began the preparation of its appropriation bill. It was decided that no hearings will be granted except in special cases. The impression among the members is that the estimates of the engineers, approved by the Secretary of War, will be closely followed in making the bill.

VIRGINIA'S VOTE IN LATE ELECTION.

An Official Announcement of the
Canvassing Board.

MAYNARD'S BIG MAJORITY.

Mr. Bryan's Majority, as Was Anticipated,
Reached Nearly Thirty Thousand—The
Vote as Given by Counties—The State
Board of Canvassers Met at Noon Yesterday and Went Over the Figures as
Tabulated—The Vote of the Ten Congressional Districts.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 26.—The following is the official vote of Virginia by counties, cast for the office of President of the United States, on Tuesday, November 6, 1900, as ascertained by the State Board of Canvassers at to-day's meeting:

Counties.	Bryan, Dem.	McKinley, Rep.	Woolley, Pop.
Accomac	3,210	1,450	69
Allegany	841	1,451	37
Albemarle	2,411	1,647	29
Alexandria	412	421	2
Amherst	1,516	990	4
Amelia	608	338	12
Appomattox	1,682	457	5
Augusta	2,569	2,519	185
Bath	422	4,444	5
Bedford	2,535	1,982	84
Bland	513	465	3
Botetourt	1,383	1,329	25
Brunswick	1,064	1,777	5
Buchanan	585	634	9
Buckingham	842	922	14
Campbell	1,329	1,288	7
Carroll	1,434	1,759	9
Charlotte	1,677	1,144	14
Charles City	1,011	323	2
Charles City	Vote thrown out.		

Total

Bryan's majority over McKinley, 29,026

Bryan's majority over McKinley and Woolley

CONGRESSIONAL VOTE.

The following is the official vote cast for members of congress from Virginia as ascertained by the board of state canvassers yesterday:

FIRST DISTRICT.

W. A. Jones

J. M. Stubbs

Jones' majority

SECOND DISTRICT.

H. L. Maynard

C. C. Williams

James B. Flynn

R. A. Wise

Maynard's plurality over Wise

Maynard's majority over all

THIRD DISTRICT.

John Lamb

Edgar Allan

Adolph Muller

Lamb's plurality over Allan

Lamb's majority over all

FOURTH DISTRICT.

F. R. Lassiter

C. E. Wilson

Lassiter's majority

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Swanson

Whitehead

Swanson's majority

SIXTH DISTRICT.

P. J. Oney

A. E. Fairweather

J. B. Stovall

Oney's plurality over Stovall

Oney's majority over both

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

James Hay

C. M. Gibbons

Hay's majority

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

John F. Hixey

W. J. Rogers

Hixey's majority

NINTH DISTRICT.

W. E. Iken

R. A. Walker

Iken's majority

TENTH DISTRICT.

H. D. Flood

R. T. Hubbard

Flood's majority

A few scattering votes were cast in nearly all the districts, a number of names having been voted for in the Eighth district.

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA.

THE REPORTS OF HIS DEATH ARE
UNFOUNDED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Livadia, European Russia, Nov. 26. H. a. m.—The following bulletin regarding the Czar's condition has been issued:

"The Emperor passed a good day yesterday. He was able to sleep a little and had some respiration. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon his temperature was 99.3, pulse 76. At 9 o'clock in the evening his temperature was 99.5, pulse 72.

"His majesty passed a good night. He perspired profusely.

"This morning the august patient's condition was very satisfactory. At 9 o'clock his temperature was 99.3; pulse 70.

"In the general course of his illness a distinct improvement is observable."

FALSE REPORT.

London, Nov. 26.—Since the Czar's sickness apparently assumed a serious turn it has been daily the practice of the brokers in Paris, London and elsewhere to announce his majesty's death. Hence, probably, the reports of the Czar's death which have reached New York.

A GEORGIA TORNADO.

PROPERTY DAMAGED, BUT NO
LIVES LOST.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 26.—A tornado struck the village of Sliam near Union Point last night. Considerable damage was done to property, but there was no loss of life.

J. B. Dooliver, a large farmer and stock raiser, had his house and barn blown down and many head of stock killed.

The school house in the village was blown down.

THE DIPLOMATS NAGGING AT CHINA.

Report That Some Sort of Understanding Has Been Reached.

INFORMATION IS WITHELD.

The Agreement, Whatever It Is, Said to
Stand a Poor Chance of Receiving Sanction of All the Powers—United States Government Disposed to Withhold Its Approval—The German Flag Hoisted Over the Great Wall—The French and Boxers Fight.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—The state department has been informed of the agreement or understanding or preliminary treaty (it is not possible now to learn in just what form the matter stands) reached by the foreign ministers at Peking. It is not regarded as proper to give out for publication at this time any detailed information respecting the agreement. It may be stated, however, that the agreement stands a very poor chance of receiving the sanction of all the powers represented in the Peking conference unless some material amendments are permitted.

THE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES.

Just what the objectionable features are, only can be surmised. In view of the adverse decision of the authorities respecting publication. But, accepting as accurate the statement from Peking that the basis of the agreement is to be found in the French note, it is easy to perceive that there are no less than two points which, if concluded in their original shape, would not meet with the unqualified approval of our own government. For instance, the President expressly reserved his opinion as to the proposition that the Taku forts be dismantled. He also withheld his approval of the French proposition that there be a permanent military occupation at two or three points on the road between Tien Tsin and Peking.

THE INDEMNITY PROPOSITION.

Unless the ministers at Peking have made a very substantial change in the requirements of the French note, therefore, it may be predicted that our government will feel obliged to seek to make some alterations in the arrangement before it gives its adherence. There is some reason to believe that the indemnity proposition has taken such an excessive form as to make it impossible for the Chinese government to meet the demand, and this fact, taken in connection with the unreasonable demands of some of the powers respecting punishments, may require our government to make active efforts to have the demands moderated.

SUPPORT EXPECTED.

There are indications, too, that in these efforts our government is to receive the support of one of the most powerful of the governments represented at the Peking conference, and one which generally has been supposed of late to have favored an extreme position.

FRENCH AND BOXERS FIGHT.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—A dispatch received here from Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, dated November 24, says Colonel Muench's expedition has hoisted the German flag over the great wall, which was raised November 22 by way of Hsiao-Ling-Cheng after a difficult mountain march.

The dispatch adds that the French have had a severe fight with Boxers thirty kilometers south of Pao-Ting-Fu.

CHINESE SOLDIERS DISARMED.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—A dispatch received by the navy league here to-day says that Colonel York's column reached Kaikan (about 100 miles northwest of Peking) November 18. The Chinese troops, numbering 3,000 men, fled. A battalion of Chinese imperial soldiers was disarmed.

The National Zeitung, discussing the punishment of the guilty officials in China, says:

"Germany must abide by the decision of the ministers at Peking."

The Post says that the negotiations will probably be finished at the end of the week.

London, Nov. 26.—Li Hung Chang, according to the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, is seriously ill, and has telegraphed for his adopted son, Li Ching Faig.

SUPPLIES FOR THE COURT.

Shanghai, Nov. 26.—Native Christians from Fan Cheng Hsien, on Han river, report that they saw four hundred boats taking supplies for the court at Sian Fu, and that the mandarins have